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ON THE ROAD TO KANDALUSAN

On Monday, March 13th, I was told to get ready to start in an hour for Daly. I did not take five minutes to get ready, for I had my packing to do, and my dental work to do, with my father, the commander of a young soldier called T. Hara. Hara San, who speaks English well, was a delightful traveling companion, and, moreover, quite a character in his way, possessing as he did, in an exceptional degree, the Japanese qualities of tact, good humor, and physical endurance. He said to me, "Sir you will be much civilized when you reach Daly," meaning that I would have an opportunity of getting a good wash, and I thanked him for this piercing, but well intended comment on my personal appearance.

Impressions to Christianity.

During our little trip to Daly Private Hara taught me some Japanese and discussed all sorts of subjects with me from the newest truths to abstruse problems of philosophy, and his smile, his "aliveness" and his fine teeth were my entertainment all the way. In sooth, he was a very engaging little fellow, and if Japanese privates are all like him I am afraid that there will soon be no chance for us poor whites on the face of this planet.

Like all Japanese, Hara was entirely the Anglo-American influence, save in the matter of religion. "None of us Japanese believe in religion," he said, proudly; "we believe neither in a God nor in a hereafter. In our funeral services, it is true, we address the spirits of the dead as if they were present, but there is only political significance in this." He added that a question twinkling in his eyes, "no educated European or American can believe in Christianity."

I quote him because, from a four years' experience of Japan, I am convinced that he speaks not only for himself, but for the more advanced portion of the nation. Of few things is Intellectual Japan so perfectly certain as that religion is merely an old wife's tale; and if an earnest man from Oxford or Maynooth thinks he makes a good impression on a Japanese philosopher by confessing that he believes in Christianity he errs grievously; in fact, he might as well seek to make an impression on his Japanese friend by assuring him that he is one of an ancient band of believers who hold that the earth flat. In short, the Japanese regard the extraordinary delusion about Christianity as the one weak point in the European intellect.

Permitted Religious Services.

Hara said that the Japanese Generals had no religion and, so far as he was concerned, that settled it. He told me that there were Buddhist and Shinto priests in the army, some attached to the forces in the capacity of chaplains, some wearing the uniforms of private soldiers who they temporarily discarded for the sacred robes whenever the necessity arose, but that, though the officers attended their services, they "did not believe in them."

This does not, however, prevent these officers from encouraging amateur soldiers to wear Buddhist amulets and phylacteries, so that it is, no way, even in the faith in supernatural assistance, would the Russians have the advantage of them. The Japanese have already adopted the Russian hashish, and at Shizuka I have heard squads of soldiers engaged in a cheering drill a la Russie. If Christianity is found to increase the fanaticism of the soldier and to lessen his fear of death the Japanese will also adopt it.

A long residence in the far East is calculated to shake one's faith in Christianity. You find non-Christian tribes and nations contain about the average number of respectable citizens. If you bring forward the good points of Christianity, the educated heathen will promptly dig up some criticism of the same kind out of Buddhist or Confucian theology. The sight of the Russian prisoners saying their prayers three times a day amid a cir-

cle of their polite but incredulous conquerors is, after all, a superstition, and that the agnostic Japanese are right.

The above is from the Cincinnati Enquirer.

Articles like that are what are constantly impressing the people with the unreasonableness of all the miraculous parts of all religions, the Christian religion included.

IMMORTALITY OF THE SOUL AND THE APE.

Berlin, June 23.—The greatest contemporary German scientist, Prof Ernst Haeckel, of the University of Jena, has been delivering a series of lectures in Berlin on science and religion.

Prof. Haeckel is the greatest German exponent of the Darwinian theory of evolution, and his lectures were strongly materialistic and atheistic in character.

It is significant of the skepticism prevalent in the German capital that he was accorded enthusiastic ovations by the great crowds assembled every time he appeared on the platform of the largest hall in the city. The nature of Prof. Haeckel's views on science and religion best shown by the following extracts from his lecture on the descent of man:

"It is certain that man descended from apes. It is only regarding the details of genealogy of the human race that the opinions of scientists differ."

It is easy to understand that the knowledge of our descent from apes is unpleasant to many people. Man is like the parvenu who resents all references to his obscure ancestors. Much more is known about the descent of man than regarding the evolution of the lower animals. The opponents of the evolutionary theory of human descent have been unable to prove that it is false."

Prof. Haeckel then proceeded to explain why he denied that man has a soul. He said:

"The soul is supposed to have divine origin. Those who believe this do not explain why the Almighty decided to create souls just at the time when man appeared in the animal life of the world. When those who believe in God say, Man is the image of God, we must remind them on the contrary that men have always conceived God according to their own conception of the ideal."

"Observation of the developments of a child's soul" show that it has no connection with the divine.

"The belief in the divine origin of the soul is closely connected with the belief in the immortality of the soul. The theory of the immortality of the soul is by no means universal as is often asserted. The Ionic philosophers knew nothing of the immortality of the soul."

"The idea of immortality was not part of the Mosiac religion, but it appeared after the period of the Israelites' exile. Plato and Aristotle introduced the theory of immortality."

"What is known as man's soul" is contained in his cerebral matter. If the lowest types of the human race are compared with apes, the conclusion is inevitable that the difference between the human soul and the soul of apes is a matter of quality. The human soul and the soul of apes are absolutely identical in character," said Haeckel.

DR. WILSON'S ROME BOOK.

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DEPTH OF FEELING

MANIFESTED IN CHINA OVER AMERICAN EXCLUSION

Pekin, June 27.—The question of Chinese exclusion from the United States continues chiefly to occupy the attention of the Chinese. The depth of feeling manifested astonishes foreigners and is regarded as an evidence of a growth of national sentiment of public spirit which five years ago would have been inconceivable. Among many instances cited as evidence of this, it is said that a Chinese compadre has refused a lucrative appointment with an American com- pany.

Advertisements of American goods continue to be refused by the native newspapers, and letters and telegrams from all parts of China, as well as from abroad, are being received, urging the central Government to take a stand.

The chief obstacle is the question of exclusion of coolies from Hawaii and the Philippines. It is urged that there is no reasonable objection to the landing of coolies in Hawaii, where they do not compete with American labor, while Chinese immigration has long been established in the Philippines.

This points the Chinese regard as essential, out it is thought unlikely that they will be conceded by the American Government. Hence the deadlock. While the idea of terminating settlement China yesterday proposed to send a special mission to Washington, but American Minister Dodd declined to entertain the idea. The Chinese deplore the risking of American good will, but claim to have genuine legitimate grievances.

There is something—the biggest of goods from the United States continues, and the anti-American campaign is increasing in vigor. The American Minister has applied to the Board of Foreign Affairs to check the movement, and Vice-roy Yuan, of Chi Li Province, has issued a proclamation on the subject, but its efficacy is considered doubtful.

It is to be hoped that the Chinese will not be too hasty in their action.

Preaching truth and looking for God is like preaching lies and looking for doubt.

Truth dressed is over-dressed.

Laziness is the hypocritical brother of fatigue.

Too much theory is the scarecrow of practice.

Better have nothing to say and say it all, than something to say and say it all. We credit even the silent fool with keeping back wisdom.

Few can be impressive without being oppressive.

As to Darwinism, those that haven't ascended have descended.

When a man begins to hope he stops doing anything to justify it.

Faith is admissible on the seventh day, if you doubt on the other six.

Sentiment is the perfume of love; marriage, its disinfectant.

It's hard to care a doubt without doubling the cure.

A new saying is an old thought delivered by a crank.

A Te Deum is a bray set to music.

Definition of the Presbyterian and Baptist churches: Damn ya Damp.

The worst woman is as worse than the worst man as the best woman is better than the best man.

"Reformers don't reform themselves," because no man can be a specialist on two things.

We hate the talkative man who doesn't mind his own business; we tolerate the silent man who does.

I'm no anarchist, but if I'm to choose between "divine right" and dynamite, give me dynamite.

When a man can conceive of immaculate conception, a woman can conceive by it.

Anna Shaw says, "Any fool can have a baby." I bet she can't.

When you hatch a Chinese baby from a china egg, I'll expect three thirds of a man from one third of a God.

As well say the wrong thing at the right time, as the right thing at the wrong time. The reception of a crewp depends not on its logic, but on the receptive state of the hearers.

John D. FARRIS
Timbo, Arkansas.

The European leaders of this world set we are now contending with.

JOHN D. FARRIS

Timbo, Arkansas.

When this government was estab-

lished by its infidel founders, we

proclaimed to be a home and refuge

for the poor and distressed of all na-

tions.

Now the most valuable laborer in

the whole world, the Chinaman, is

excluded,

and rich and worthless

Europeans

are invited here

to marry our rich women, and this

in the face of the fact that millions

of square miles of squre

of land

in this

country are uncultivated for the want

of laborers to do it, the very class

of people who are

desirous

of work.

and who, with all this fine

unoccupied land

are clamoring to have

the improved lands of the hon-

est and working people divided out

among them.

The Jap-Russian war has lately

shown us that the Japs are the most

mean people on the earth and the

Chinese are almost the same people.

But it is a "heathen Chines,"

and the Europeans that come here are

Christians, and the papers of the

United States

shall not be allowed to come to

America.

The Chinese are atheists and Roose-

velt called Paine "a filthy atheist."

When I'm asked, "What do you

ever think what the world would be

without religion?" In answer: "I'm too

busy thinking what it is with it."

M. GRIER KIDDER.

Freethought lacks money for its be-

lievers, hell for its daubers.

To be in the minority with neither present

pay for friends nor permanent punish-

ment for enemies is sad indeed.

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The annual Liberal picnic held in

E. B. Moffit's Grove, near Newton,

Iowa, will be in memory of Col. R. G.

Ingersoll. C. A. Windle of Chicago,

editor of the Gatling Gun, and one of

the foremost orators of the Central

West, will deliver the address. There

will also be music, recitations and other entertainments to make time

pass pleasantly as well as profitably.

Remember the date, Sunday, August 13th, and make preparations to attend.

To live so radically, so happily and

so hopefully that those who come in

touch with us shall be more cheerful

and better for the contact—this should

be the supreme aim of every one's ambition.

It is well to be cheerful for our own

sakes, for our own health and success,

but it is better to be cheerful from

the desire to make others happy.

So much is said about the necessary

for maintaining a uniformly cheerful

state of mind. Physicians recognize

as never before how powerfully men-

tal conditions effect the body. It has

been demonstrated that thoughts of

fear, despondency, hatred, malice and

the like have the effect of poisoning

the physical system, and that thoughts

of an opposite nature serve to pro-

mote health.

It is well becoming quite the fashion

to be cheerful.

But to keep happy and se-

ure because thereby one preserves

his health, his looks or his power to

please is not the highest motive.

In the end one is much more likely

to find his health improved if he

practices cheer for the sake of oth-

ers than if he does so for the specific

purpose of benefiting himself. After

all, the greatest benefits to self are

attained through altruism.

We owe it to every one with whom

we associate to live and think had-

ily; to create about ourselves a su-

bitious atmosphere of happiness so

positive that all who come into our

world are aware of a renewing influ-

ence.

Don't say that in a universe as big

as this your thinking doesn't count.

Every one's thinking counts. Every

one's life counts. It does matter very

greatly whether you live indiffer-

ently or whether you live gloriously.

You have your particular place in the vast

system of things that makes the uni-

verse. When you fall to live to your

highest the lack is felt throughout

the entire machinery.

Be glad. Be sunny. Be a glowing

center of happiness. Every one you

meet needs the stimulus you can give.

—Angela Morgan in the Commercial

Tribune.

The Youthful Critic—Watching her

papa while he was constructing his

sermon, she innocently inquired:

"Does God tell you what to write?"

"Yes, my child, God tells me."

"Then what do you scratch out for?"

The gospel expounder was silent.

WOMAN AND THE BIBLE

A LANCE BROKEN ON BEHALF OF WOMAN.

BY JOSEPHINE E. HENRY

Continued from last page.

Now there's Lot's wife. The sacred historian did not think her worthy of a name of her own. May be Mrs. Lot rejoiced in having her individuality merged in that of her husband, just as the women of our day, who parade in newspaper society notes and Mrs. Tom, Mrs. Dick and Mrs. Harry, Mrs. Gov., Mrs. Gen. and Mrs. Dr.

The women of the ages who have been disposed to be rebellious, have been warned with "Remember Lot's Wife?" But it had not warned Moses a cent. The woman with a will of her own and the woman with "views," is here in all her glory. (Any married man will testify to that.) And she is here to stay. When God determined to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah with fire and brimstone, the angel of the Lord warned Lot and his family with these words: "Escape for thy life; look not behind thee." Mrs. Lot disobeyed the angel's command, and woman like she looked back. If the angel had told her "to look back" she would have looked straight ahead. This is the nature of women. The sex systematically do what they are told not to, and do not what they are told to do.

Now, Mrs. Lot for her disobedience was "turned into a pillar of salt." Lot's wife is the first woman on record that ever had a monument, and it is said it is standing "to this day." And the women of all ages have had this monument pointed out to them to make them afraid.

I reverence the memory of Mrs. Lot, because she looked back to see if her husband and daughters were safe than according to holy writ, they were not worth saving.

Mrs. Lot's unusually hard was a battle ground of love and duty, and I am glad that she secured for herself a monument that has defied the ravages of time. She would never have had one any other way.

Well now, as to Rachel. The record says, "Rachel was beautiful and well favored."

According to the Bible all the "holy women of old" were beautiful and "fair to look upon," just as in our day according to newspaper notices, all brides are beautiful and all grooms wealthy.

Well, Jacob met Rachel at the well, and after a short acquaintance the book says "Jacob kissed Rachel and lifted up his voice and wept."

What on earth did he weep about? Whoever heard of a young man setting up a weep because he had kissed a pretty girl? The young men of this day do not follow Jacob's weeping example. It often happens in our day when a young man wants to betray his affections and kisses on a pretty girl! and she rejects them, the young man whips out his knife or pistol and plays the murderous role to perfection.

Jacob asked Rachel's papa, Laban, for his daughter, and said he would serve seven years for her. Laban was a mauler and he knew Jacob's service was the cheapest hired help he could get, so he promised him Rachel. At the end of the seven years the wily Laban paid off his daughter Leah on Jacob as a bride. After a family jar that shook the region round about Jacob said he would serve seven years more for Rachel. Jacob got himself into a pretty pickle. We are told that the sisters Leah and Rachel by jealousy, hated each other, that "Jacob loved Leah, and Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachel." Rachel and Leah in deadly spite, "each gave her maid to Jacob to wife." Jacob submissively accepted them and he tacitly became a creature of barter and sale. Laban and Jacob had a hot encounter in which they employed some choice language, and Laban told Jacob to take the girls and everything else, but he was "bound to have his girl."

Now it turned out that Rachel had stolen her maid girl and was sitting on them, and when he came to her tent hunting for them, she denied knowing anything about them. Rachel was an all round wilful, deceptive, crafty, domineering and dishonest woman. She is noted for many traits, but obedience is not one of them.

Dinah, the daughter of Jacob and Leah, was a combination of her fat-

her, mother and Aunt Rachel. She was a little crafty in her amours and in consequence a terrible massacre ensued. With Jacob for a father, to say nothing of the other side of the house, we can imagine she was equal to anything but certainly obedience was not one of her traits of character.

Tamar is one of the prominent ladies of the Bible. Her father-in-law, Judah, attempted to defile her of her rights. (This has been a propensity of the father-in-law ever since.) Did she consent? Not at all. She brought Judah to terms and made him give her "the signet and bracelets and staff as a pledge of his good faith."

Tamar was the original pawn broker of the world.

But trouble rose again between Tamar and her father-in-law and Judah in his affection for her, ordered her to be burnt. Did Tamar obey? No, she objected and she wasn't burnt. Now, along comes Potiphar's wife casting googoo eyes at Joseph. She managed her husband and made him cast Joseph ("who was pure as ice and chaste as snow") into prison, and she had her revenge by letting him stay there for two years.

Potiphar's wife may be one of the "holy women of old," but she was not obedient.

The kings of Egypt issued an order to the Hebrew midwives to kill all the Jewish boy babies, but to save the girl babies alive. (There is a lot of regret and disappointment over the birth of girl babies in this day. Boy babies are at a premium as they were in that day.)

Did the midwives obey the King? No indeed, that they dust in the King's eyes, took the boy babies alive and handed around themselves at the pitch they had played. But for this, Moses would never have lived to frame laws, or been reproved by Zipporah, his wife, with the words, "Surely a bloody husband art thou to me," or to have "murdered an Egyptian and hid his body in the sand," or to have led the children of Israel, or been a model of meekness.

Think of what the disobedience of women did for the world in this case.

The daughter of Zelopheth, it seems to me, were born before their time. If they were living to-day they would doubtless be practicing law in the supreme court. They demanded their father's possessions, became their own lawyers, argued their own case before Moses and won it.

The women of the Bible did not care a fig for Paul's shall-not-speak-in-meeting command. They talked when and where they pleased, demanded what they wanted, and got it.

Paul had evidently never read the Old Testament. After he had joined him he removed an old bachelors and asked him a question about women and about electricity.

Women and electricity are mighty dangerous to fool with, if you don't know how to manage them. A live woman and live wire each have ways of their own.

Deborah and Judith swayed the decisions of the ancient Hebrews. As such slight reference is made of their bairns, they don't count. It is quite evident these women not only ruled their own households, but all the households of their nation.

All of the men in the Bible one would suppose Samson would have had his own way, but he didn't. As he had strength enough to carry away the gates of Gaza one would think he would have had strength enough to have managed a few poor week men. But he didn't. The little Philistine girl, the lady from Gaza (the less said about her the better), and Delilah, these three! His obedience to these women made him a sorry spectacle before the ages.

What about the witch of Endor? The Bible does not say whether she was "fair to look upon," or not, but whether "beautiful to behold" or not, she was mighty to command, for she commanded Samuel, a dead man, to come out of his grave, and Samuel came.

No commander on record except the widow of Endor ever issued orders to the living and the dead, but the inspired words says she did, and they obeyed. Samuel and Saul could both testify to this.

To my mind "Michal, the daughter of Saul" is the most remarkable woman in sacred or any other kind of history.

She is most remarkable for two things. The Bible says 1st Samuel 18:20: "Michal, Saul's daughter, loved David."

This is the first authentic official record we have of a woman loving a man.

The second record may be the greatest miracle in the Bible laying Jonah and the whale and all others in the shade. The sixth chapter 23rd verse and 2nd Samuel says: "Therefore Michal, the daughter of Saul, had no child unto the day of her death." Then the 21st chapter and 8th verse of 2nd Samuel says: "But the king

and Ruth says are inherited from the mother, and the mother says they are inherited from the father.

Bible men and women started this tradition, and it has been kept up to this day.

Of course, the match of Ruth and Boaz was made in heaven. The Bible says that Naomi gave Ruth some instructions that we cannot record here. Naomi was doubtless selected, by heaven to help on the matchmaking business.

From the number of maids in holy wedlock, the heavenly matchmaker must have subtlety the matchmaking contract to earthly incompetents.

If these women with their questionable methods of obtaining a husband are held up to women as models, the sooner they are disposed, the better for society.

And now comes Vashti, the glorious Persian Queen. We get but a glimpse of this woman in connection with the life of Esther. Now Esther paraded her charms before the drunken King Ahasuerus to take the place of Vashti, who, the Bible says, was the most beautiful woman in Persia.

We can not testify as to her beauty but we can testify that she is the grandest character in Bible history.

When King Ahasuerus, the husband of Vashti, ordered her to appear before the drunken and his drunk courtiers Vashti asserted her womanhood and refused at the risk of her life.

All honor to the noble Vashti! She who defied destiny, who set customs and laws at naught, who refused to yield the sacred rights of her womanhood to a brutal husband, even though he was a king. Little is said in the pulpit about Vashti, while Esther, who was an intriguing, infamous woman, is canonized in pulpit platitudes, and in song and story.

Eve and Vashti were the founders of the "Woman's Rights" movement in this world.

These two Bible women are held up by the clergy as terrible examples of disobedient and ungodly women.

Yet, after 1900 years of preaching the doctrine of chastity and obedience to women, the example of all other Bible women is a dead letter and the example of Eve and Vashti is being followed by more women to-day than all the characters in scripture, and the fact is admitted that woman was never so elevated as she is to-day. All honor to Eve and Vashti! They did not live in vain.

Hannah is immortalized because she made a silk coat for her son Samuel. There are millions of women to-day not only making coats for their little sons, but furnishing the goods and making whole suits for worthless husbands and grown sons.

Dorcas made clothes for the poor. Millions of women to-day are making clothes for the poor and the rich at such starvation prices that they are forced to sell their virtue for bread. Peter, it is written, raised Dorcas from the dead and then she died again.

In this Dorcas was an unusual woman, but it is hardly probable that there is a poor, weary, underpaid seamstress on the earth, who would like to follow the example of Dorcas. They have found in the bitterness of life that "one borning and one dying" is enough.

The Jewish maiden, known as Jepphanas' daughter was not considered worthy of name, and the wife of Jesse, mother of David, and the wife of Monica, the mother of Samson, had no names of their own, yet the mothers of the champions of the prize ring in this day are known by name throughout Christendom.

Little is said in scripture about Mary, the mother of Christ." It is written that she was a virgin and bore a son by the Holy Ghost. Certainly no woman since that time has been able to defy the law of nature and follow the example. Mary became the wife of Joseph, the carpenter, and had a number of other children throughout Christendom.

This may have been a suggestion of Naomi's, but it captured the old man, and Ruth became Mrs. Boaz. I never believed that Ruth was as madly in love with her mother-in-law as with her son. Who could escape? Ruth went into his field to glean to make him believe that she was industrious. This may have been a suggestion of Naomi's, but it captured the old man, and Ruth became Mrs. Boaz. I never believed that Ruth was as madly in love with her mother-in-law as with her son. Who could escape? Ruth went into his field to glean to make him believe that she was industrious.

The New Testament gives two genealogies of Christ, one said to be on Mary's side of the house and the other on Joseph's, though why the genealogy of the son of a ghost should be traced through Joseph, it is not easy to see. The art of tracing the genealogy of ghosts may not have been known in that day and is not in this. Luke 11, 4, says that "Joseph was of the house and lineage of David," and Jesus, the son of Mary is called the "Son of David."

Certainly it is the Christian world who did not follow after Naomi any more, and she got a new lodging place and a new go.

Ruth was madly infatuated with her mother-in-law. It is the only case in ancient or modern record, for ever since the wedding of Adam and Eve one prominent feature of the marriage system has been for the husband to hate the wife's people, and the wife to return the compliment.

The bad traits of children, the

father says are inherited from the mother, and the mother says they are inherited from the father.

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Yet, after 1900 years of preaching the doctrine of chastity and obedience to women, the example of all other Bible women is a dead letter and the example of Eve and Vashti is being followed by more women to-day than all the characters in scripture, and the fact is admitted that woman was never so elevated as she is to-day. All honor to Eve and Vashti! They did not live in vain.

Hannah is immortalized because she made a silk coat for her son Samuel. There are millions of women to-day making coats for their little sons, but furnishing the goods and making whole suits for worthless husbands and grown sons.

Dorcas made clothes for the poor. Millions of women to-day are making clothes for the poor and the rich at such starvation prices that they are forced to sell their virtue for bread. Peter, it is written, raised Dorcas from the dead and then she died again.

In this Dorcas was an unusual woman, but it is hardly probable that there is a poor, weary, underpaid seamstress on the earth, who would like to follow the example of Dorcas. They have found in the bitterness of life that "one borning and one dying" is enough.

The Jewish maiden, known as Jepphanas' daughter was not considered worthy of name, and the wife of Jesse, mother of David, and the wife of Monica, the mother of Samson, had no names of their own, yet the mothers of the champions of the prize ring in this day are known by name throughout Christendom.

Little is said in scripture about Mary, the mother of Christ." It is written that she was a virgin and bore a son by the Holy Ghost. Certainly no woman since that time has been able to defy the law of nature and follow the example. Mary became the wife of Joseph, the carpenter, and had a number of other children throughout Christendom.

The New Testament gives two genealogies of Christ, one said to be on Mary's side of the house and the other on Joseph's, though why the genealogy of the son of a ghost should be traced through Joseph, it is not easy to see. The art of tracing the genealogy of ghosts may not have been known in that day and is not in this. Luke 11, 4, says that "Joseph was of the house and lineage of David," and Jesus, the son of Mary is called the "Son of David."

Certainly it is the Christian world who did not follow after Naomi any more, and she got a new lodging place and a new go.

Ruth was madly infatuated with her mother-in-law. It is the only case in ancient or modern record, for ever since the wedding of Adam and Eve one prominent feature of the marriage system has been for the husband to hate the wife's people, and the wife to return the compliment.

Nineteen hundred years of Christianity have not produced a single man whose integrity would not be questioned if she made such a claim.

Mary Magdalene, one of the unfortunate of earth, seemed to have some

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brated for having been "gathered to their fathers."

The death and burial place of so remarkable a woman as Eve is not mentioned. Eve certainly could not have been "gathered to her fathers," for she had none. Adam's grave has been kept green for six thousand years, for Mark Twain wept at Adam's grave.

Women are oblivious to the fact that it is canon law which requires them to cover their heads in church as a token of their inferiority and subjection to man. This degrading law may not dignify woman, but it has helped the millinery business. The origin of this command is found in Genesis iv.

There we are told that the "sons of God" took as wives the daughters of men, and begat nine giants who were instrumental in bringing about the flood. The Rabbins hold that the way of the sons of God (that is, the angels) got possession of women, and by seizing them they forced so they commanded women to cover their heads in public so they might not be captured. All other commands for the silence and subjection of women are on a par with this absurd old myth.

A little investigation, questioning, and rebellion among the women of the church would astonish them and work a speedy revolution in church canons and customs.

We hear in sermons only of the meekness of Moses and faith of Abraham, the wisdom of Solomon, the godliness of David, and so on through the chapters, but the clergy should proclaim the whole gospel of God as they are commanded to do by the sermonizing on all the other peculiarities and propensities of Bible men and women who are held up as models for the human race.

It is taught that woman brought sin into the world and is at the bottom of all wrong doing in the world. If this is so, woman is the most dangerous element in society and should be gotten rid of.

Paul says that "man is the image and glory of God. For the man is not of woman, but the woman of the man; neither was the man created for the woman but the woman for the man."

Of course we can all see that woman is a perfect creature of creation, and man could get along very well without her. St. Paul says as much, but he rather qualifies this statement when he says "We are fools for Christ's sake."

Women of the old time and the new type have been, and are an enigmatic element. Statistics record that 91 per cent of all criminals in Christendom belong to the sex to which the "sons of God" belong.

This does not speak very well for the morals of the only sex of which angels are made, but it does speak volumes for the influence and shrewdness of the "daughters of men" to cause all the sin in the world and evade the law themselves, and make the "sons of God" pay the penalty.

Bible women are not models for the women of to-day.

The thought that possesses me is this: "What can woman see in Christ? Is he eligible for the wife?" I can see why some men might be Christians because they can secure places, power, profit, and title, but what there is in it for women is more than I can divine. Then, for men, there is a Bible promise of being made angels in heaven. Of course there is some inferior angel material among men, but doubtless in the New Jerusalem, they will be divided into winged seraphim and swamp angels, just as in this world they are divided into saints and sinners, commode clay and the sifted dust of earth.

The Bible promises nothing but subjection in this life for women, and no mention is made that there will be any female seraphim in the angel throng. Holy writ gives men alone a passport through the pearly gates of the Heavenly city. The Bible says explicitly "It is not good for man to be alone," yet the church to-day is a female institution. All men are heaven, and all women in the church on earth. Strange, ain't it? The average woman makes a fetish of the Bible, and a cult of her preacher, but she does not understand either one of them. The preacher interprets the Bible for women. All the absurdities and cruelties veiled in liturgies and sermons, are explained to trusting female Christians as "Divine Mysteries." The truth is, women have been fed on "Divine Mysteries" so long that they are the most mysterious creatures on earth. I ought to understand them because my grandmother, mother, and all my female relatives were women, and I am a woman myself, but I don't. For the most part women are good hearted creatures, but they fall in judgment when you strike them on religion. The true Christian woman believes in the infallibility of her preacher. He defines her sphere and duty and she proceeds to walk therein. Her

sphere is silence and subjection, and her duty is to devise catch penny devices to bring in the shekels and lay them on the altar of the Lord. Woman never knows what an exalted creature she is until the appeal is made for the collection, then her spiritual advisor gets off something after this fashion:

O, woman! woman, dearly beloved and tenderly esteemed woman, how much of our comfortable comfort do we owe to thy unselfish serving in the kitchen at home, and in the basement and scullery of the church. How many theological students rise up and call you blessed for your willingness to educate them to be your preachers. How well you have filled your womanly sphere as teachers to Indians where your scalps were in danger. Fewer who relish quietude, melancholy and monotony could saddle you with liquid trimmings. Yes, dear sister, you have done well building up congregations to which we men can preach. O, woman! pure, noble, highly superior, finely and expeditiously to your boudoir, your husband duly to give generously of your labor and aure, that we men of God may carry on our work amidst the heathen at home and the pagans abroad. Set to work dear sisters as we men direct. If by squeezing the pennies out of your own pockets, or capling or managing your husbands into giving (as if it were really their own spontaneous masculine idea to pay the preacher) is not sufficient to delugue poor lost sinners with Amazing Grace, get up a festival with plenty of oysters in the soup, and a free ticket for your preacher, or a pound party, or a bazaar or a dairy maid's fair, with a fish-and-grab-bag, or a concert, or a needle party, and fill up the Lord's exhortation, and then at the end of the year we doctors of Divinity will meet in council and proclaim to the world what the ministry is doing to save the race.

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"If a woman would know anything let her learn of her husband at home." "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine." This is some of the "spiritual" papulum on which the parson feeds his female flock, and women seem to like it. Indeed the "lovely Christian women" seem to enjoy the silence, subjection, martyr and sacrifice business. I cannot see how self-respecting women can enjoy the "divine mystery" of being classed with the ox and the ass, yet the Seventh Commandment does very well.

As the Bible makes woman the fountain of iniquity I have often wondered how the "sons of God" could so lower themselves as to let these "daughters of men" notwithstanding their education, see them willing to go down to hell.

The Bible says too if we "would be saved we must be born again." Now I object to being born again, whatever other women may do. One ordeal of that sort is enough for me. If children are "conceived in sin and shapen in iniquity" there should be a law passed prohibiting any one being born once, thus making it impossible to be "born again." The clergy are so busy keeping the women in harness that they ignore other commands of the Bible. Celibacy is as positive a command as any that Paul gives. Both Paul and Christ taught and practiced it, but excepting the Roman Catholic clergy, the way the Doctors of Divinity observe the command of celibacy, is to get them a wife often before they are out of their theological swaddling clothes, and before congregations can be found who will suffer the infliction of their expounding of Holy Writ; and while they are preaching, with all the eloquence at their command against "the fruits of the flesh" a dozen young olive branches take their seats at the parson's table, whose worldly comfort would be accent indeed if it were not for the donation plates, pink teet and grab-games, the women of the church resort to, to keep the ledger and the wardrobes of the D. D.'s and their olive branches well supplied. Yet women are so blinded by faith that they are oblivious to the injustice and insult dealt out to them.

The genuine pot and pan souled women, frightened to death at the theological mumbo-jumbo, fall at their master's feet and cry "look us again dear rulers: we like it; indeed we do." The fact is the only prop of Christianity to-day is the subjection of women. The whole system is like unto an elegant chariot, caparisoned, cushioned and curtained, where sit the councils, synods, conferences,

priests and laymen, who with wise looks and sanctimonious air hold their conclaves, and interpret to the world the "Word of God."

The women are harnessed to this chariot, and with bits in their mouths, are pulling the man-made system. If the wheels clog the "Sisters" are called upon by the holy men to use their strength, means and ingenuity to apply axle grease so the deliberations of the "holy men" may not be disturbed. They exert the dear sisters to renewed effort and patience, holding out the hope of reward when they have landed the chariot with its precious cargo within the heavenly gates.

The cry from the pulpit is "eding to the religious leaders from your mouth."

We are glad that the clergy make an open confession that the intellect of the orthodox mother is located in her knee; for the impossible Bible stories taught to children have done well well building up congregations to which we men can preach.

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This falls under the eye of any Christian woman let me beg of you.

Happy." I should like to hear from others on this subject. I have read the Blade for years, but this all important subject has been neglected.

Yours in wholly love,

"SIX-SHOT.SHORTIE."

WHAT IS HAPPINESS?

Happiness is a vibration of the fifth magnitude, contentment a vibration of the third, and ecstasy of the seventh magnitude. All sounds are vibrations, all colors, all odors, all sensations, and all emotions of the human being are vibratory.

Man's brain generates a dynamic or electric force which is dispersed by the nervous system, to all parts of the body, according to their various requirements. A steamer boiler stands close by when it has about twenty pounds pressure and you can feel only a slight vibration from the power within; at one hundred pounds you can feel it distinctly; and at five hundred pounds you can feel every part of your body vibrate synchronously with the great compressed force in the boiler. You cannot run with only twenty pounds pressure in your mean boiler and be happy, it will not develop any vibration as high as the class of the fifth magnitude.

Mental work exhausts our brain power, more rapidly than physical. This can be remonstrated by observing children, who, when playing exhaust their bodies more according to their proportionate strength, than adults do working, but their minds are not overtaxed, and they are a happy class than adults; even a bumped head is soon forgotten.

Even when she is a race preserver, this is not the case. The real truth is that, as the human race goes into the closed, and then has to "live in" upon their holy books and read in the light of reason the doom pronounced on woman that thundered from Sinai, read what the "Lord spoke unto Moses" in the fifth chapter of Numbers; read the thirty-first chapter of Numbers, and keep turning the leaves of "God's word" and find countless passages concerning women which are too diabolical to be believed. The real truth is that the human race is not of God, but of the Devil, concerning the mothers of the race. Do you think, dear sister, there is a preacher in Christendom who would dare do it. Not one.

Keep on searching the scriptures, dear sister, that is a Bible command, and if your preacher will not interpret the disablings about your sex, be a self-respecting woman and interpret them for yourself, and then read the book of Christianity, and you will come face to face with the truth, that Christian women are the slaves of a superstition that degrades them.

The 20th century woman wants the realization of grand ideals, she wants knowledge, truth and liberty, and the exercise of her sound reasoning and splendid courage, she is getting what she wants.

O, woman! rise in thy majesty; drive the dark shadows of falsehood and injustice from thy lair; cast down the idols and enthrone the truth. "The truth shall make you free!"

"There is nothing so regal as Reason, And nothing so royal as Truth."

Versailles, Kentucky.

A LETTER AND ARTICLE THAT TELL THEIR OWN TALE.

Locust Ranch, Okla., July 6, 205.

Mr. Charles C. Moore:

Dear Brother:-I have noticed your article in the Blue Grass Blade of June 11th, E. M. 305, wherein you ask me to send you some articles for publication on the subject of happiness.

This is truly an all important subject to every intelligent being.

I have devoted years of study and experiment along this line, with what little brains I may, or may not, possess, and I gladly write some of the results of my investigations for the Blade, which you can publish if you consider them worthy. However I cannot encompass the subject in a very small article.

Personally, I am very happy—not perfectly but very nearly so. This is the opinion of all who know me, and is frequently commented by my friends.

I am not wealthy; I am as ugly as the editor of the Blue Grass Blade; I was paralyzed at two years of age, and ever since then, 26 years, I have been totally helpless, physically, have to be carried like a baby, and weigh only sixty-five pounds. I can use my right arm sufficiently to write; hold a book and do a little art work. I mention these facts to demonstrate that happiness is superior to all antagonistic influences and circumstances, and all conditions except beauty which acts within the organism of man, and affects all his surroundings and circumstances. Not grand and favorable conditions would affect the inner man and by a reactionary principle, produce happiness.

This principle of happiness is a great blessing to mankind, for only a few can enjoy the circumstances which are commonly believed, produce happiness, while the principle of happiness is possessed by all, active or dormant.

You ask "Does being good produce happiness?"

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proper conduct for the human race, not from intrinsic righteousness. I do not mean as much pleasure as the last six numbers.

This does not produce much if any happiness for ourselves, but does for others and makes the world better, if our morality is intrinsic it emanates from the same vibration as the whole world.

Civilization practically destroys happiness: first, by exhausting the primal force, then vibration, the action of which is happiness. Second, by creating thousands of artificial appetites, the indulgence of which by the few wealthy who can afford it, rules them, and grieves and worries the impoverished masses who cannot indulge in the so-called luxuries.

Civilization destroys happiness by unnatural injuries, and idiotic diseases, dissipations of alcohol, drugs, narcotics, sexual abuse and thousands of exciting and painful pastimes. The slaves are slaves to business and work, the women to the images demands of society, the children are forced into school and their brains weakened, when they should be running wild in the grass. These and all other unnatural conditions and habits are increasing and have been extant in lesser degree for many past.

These conditions affect every generation to a great extent and by the law of heredity have weakened the offspring until today children are so degenerated they cannot enjoy any pastime that is not very exciting. As a whole people are not as happy as happy as even seventy-five years ago.

We notice people who are as perfect physically, mentally and morally as seems possible, and have all the conditions of health, education and social position cast away, and are yet very unhappy. This is inherited to more or less extent.

Any observant person can realize that happiness does not depend on wealth, health, physical perfection, education, social position, or geographical location. Consequently happiness is some inherent, personal quality which acts within the organism of man, and affects all his surroundings and conditions and circumstances. Not grand and favorable conditions would affect the inner man and by a reactionary principle, produce happiness.

This principle of happiness is a great blessing to mankind, for only a few can enjoy the circumstances which are commonly believed, produce happiness, while the principle of happiness is possessed by all, active or dormant.

As I have said, "Does being good produce happiness?"

Not necessarily so, for we may be moral and charitable from an intellectual understanding that it is the will of God.

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